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Annual Unit History

*Due NLT 01 February each year for the previous calendar year.
Refer to 28ID Military History Program SOP, dtd. 15 August 2008, for specific guidance.*

For Calendar Year: 2008

Unit: Bravo Company 1/104th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, Aviation

Unit Address: Bldg, 19-119 FTIG, Annville, PA 17003

Unit POC: SSG Robert Edris, Readiness NCO, CW2 MAtthew Wilson

Unit POC Phone Number: (717)861-9515/9511

I. Introduction or Forward *(A brief account on the unit's origin and its accomplishments over the years and a statement about the current period covered)*

Organized and Federally recognized on 1 June 1960 in the as the 1-104th Attack Battalion, Pennsylvania Army National Guard located in Washington, PA under the 28th Aviation Brigade.

From May to August 1997 the Attack Battalion was relocated from Washington, PA to Johnstown, PA. There were no changes to the Battalions MTOE structure as a result of the relocation.

On 1 November 2002 the Attack Battalion it was re-organized/ completed transformation to the 1-104th Attack Reconnaissance Helicopter Battalion. Company B, 1st Battalion, 104th ARB was the relocated to Fort Indiantown GAP, Annville Pa.

11 July 2005 through December 2006, B Co 1/104th was activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. B Co 1-104th ARB deployed Kosovo (KFOR7) with TF Talon.

B Co 1-104th ARB currently resides at Ft. Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA.

II. Organization and Administration

A. Organization *(Select the type of organization from the pull-down menu)*

Aviation

B. Mission *(A brief mission statement and the Mission Essential Task List)*

B CO 1-104th ARB WILL DESTROY ENEMY ARMORED, MECHANIZED, AND OTHER MASSED FORCES THROUGH THE USE OF AERIAL FIREPOWER, MOBILITY AND SHOCK EFFECT

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Bravo Company 1-104th ARB Mission Essential Task List:

- Conduct Deployment/Redeployment Operations
- Conduct Force Protection Operations
- Conduct Aerial Close Combat Attack Operations
- Conduct Security Operations
- Conduct Stability and Support Operations
- Conduct Combat Service Support Operations
- Conduct Attack Reconnaissance Operations

C. Personnel

1. Commander and Staff (Brief biographical sketches)

Commander: CPT Randy Lee Lutz. Captain Lutz was born in Hershey PA. He is a graduate of Lower Dauphin High School 1991, a graduate from Penn State University 1996 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. He also received his Master's of Science Degree from Shippensburg University in Administration of Justice & Psychology. Captain Lutz entered the Pennsylvanian Army National Guard in 1997 as a member of Alpha Company 1-111th INF. He completed the state/federal Officer Candidate School Program in 1999 and was commissioned as a 2LT. His assignments include the following: PLT LDR, Troop E 1-104th Air Cavalry; Commander PA Reconnaissance and Aerial Interdiction Detachment Det, TF Empire ISO Operation Noble Eagle-Enduring Freedom; Commander R.A.I.D , PA Counterdrug Program; AH-64 Instructor Pilot, AASF#1; Assistant S4, 28 CAB, Assistant S-3, 28 CAB; Assistant S3, TF Talon (while deployed ISO Operation Enduring Freedom, KFOR7); and currently serving as Commander, Bravo Company 1-104th ARB. His military education includes: Aviation OBC/IERW, SERE B qualification, AH-64 & OH-58 basic and Advanced Ditching-Dunker/Egress Qualification, SEA MK II Systems Course, AH-64A Aircraft Qualification Course, OH-58 A/C IP Course, OH-58 RAID Instructor Pilot Course, graduate of the Commander's safety Course, graduate of the High Altitude Aviation Training Course, AH-64A Instructor Pilot Course, graduate of the Aviation Captains Career Course, and is attending the Instrument Flight Examiners Course. CPT Lutz's awards and decorations include: Senior Army Aviator Wings, 3 X Meritorious Service Medals, 2 X Army Commendation Medal, 3 X Army Achievement Medals, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, The Governors Unit Citation, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Multi-National Specialized Unit Commemorative Medal, MG Thomas R. White Jr Medal, Non Article 5 Nato Medal, Gen Thomas J. Stewart Medal, Army Aviator Badge, Overseas Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal W/M Device, Presidential Fitness Unit Citation.

First Sergeant: 1SG Lloyd Donald Kapp. First Sergeant Kapp was born in Lebanon PA. He is a graduate of Lebanon High School Lebanon Pa and Tool and Die makers course and also Airframe and Power Plant certified. He is a graduate of numerous military leadership and qualification courses, to include UH-1, CH-47 UH-60 helicopter repairer schools and Primary, Basic and Advance NCO enhancement schools. 1SG Kapp's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Gen Thomas J. Stewart Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Master Aircraft Crewman Badge, MG Thomas R. White Jr Medal, and PA Twenty Year Service Medal. He lives in Lebanon PA.

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2. Medal of Honor Winners (Brief biographical sketches, if available, and a brief account of the action or a copy of the citation) (If none, enter "NONE")

None.

3. Others (Winners of Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and other) (If none, enter "NONE")

CW3 Richard Adams: Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross

III. Major Accomplishments during the Year

A. Operations

none

B. Training and Exercises

Unit trained for and completed advanced gunnery tables during Annual Training 2008. Unit also completed several combined arms exercises in support of West Points summer field training exercises. Training focused on conducting aerial gunnery, convoy security, air assault security, JAAT, close combat attack, force protection, SASO, cordon and search operations. The unit also focused on collective field-level maintenance, new equipment training, and driver training to provide unit members the skills necessary for our war-time mission. Additionally, unit members regularly conducted mandatory and MOS specific academic training to enhance unit members over all readiness.

C. Special Events

1. Unit Day Ceremonies

Unit members participated in the Boalsburg Military Salute ceremony in May 2008. Unit also participated in several flyovers in support of local National Holiday events/parades/dedication ceremonies.

2. Civil Actions (State active duty)

None

3. Permanent Changes of Station

None.

4. Recruiting Initiatives

Participated in several aircraft static displays/recruiting events throughout Pennsylvania and New York during 2008 & 2009.

5. Other (Include community activities, morale support activities, Christmas party, etc.)

B CO planned and executed a retirement ceremony in MAR 2008, several unit functions and hosted the unit annual Christmas Party on 6 Dec 2008 in Hershey Pennsylvania.

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IV. Special Equipment Fielding

None.

V. Appendices

A. Lineage and Honors Certificate

Organized and Federally recognized 1 June 1960 in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard at Washington as part of the 28th Aviation Company

Reorganized 17 February 1968 as Company B, 28th Aviation Battalion

Re-designated 1 January 1975 as the support company, 28th Aviation Battalion

Converted 1 April 1975 as Troop D, 1st squadron, 104th Cavalry

Converted 1 October 1987 as the 1st Battalion, 104th Aviation Attack Helicopter, a parent regiment under the United States Army Regimental System.

Relocated from Washington, PA to Johnstown, PA May through August 1997. There were no changes to the battalions structure as a result of the move.

1 November 2002 it was reorganized into an Apache Helicopter Battalion. Company B, 1st Battalion, 104th Aviation was relocated to Fort Indiantown, GAP, Pa.

Unit activated for deployment of Operation Enduring Freedom (Kosovo), 10 October 2004

11 July 2005, B Co 1/104th was activated for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Kosovo KFOR7).

16 January 2006, the Attack Battalion was reorganized into an Attack Reconnaissance Battalion. In the process, Headquarters Company was divided and expanded into two companies, HHC and E CO.

B. Unit Citations

Superior Unit Award

KFOR6B
KFOR7

Decorations: None

C. Selected Orders (Include alert orders, mobilization orders, etc)

66 members of the Attack Reconnaissance Battalion were alerted and mobilization with 28 Combat Aviation Brigade in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in FEB 2009

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D. Other.

VI. Glossary *(A list of words not commonly used, acronyms and their explanations)*

AT - Annual Training

IOC - Initial Operational Capability

KFOR - Kosovo Force

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